2017 Legislative & Policy Platform

MISSION

The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit 501c (6) membership organization. The mission of the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce is to promote, support, and advocate the interests of the business community.

VISION

Our vision is to make San Pedro a better place to live, work and visit.

2017 STRATEGIC INTIATIVES

San Pedro Downtown and LA Waterfront Redevelopment

Objective- The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce supports the redevelopment of the San Pedro Waterfront as a major visitor serving attraction to increase the economic health of San Pedro.

- Advocate for continued waterfront development as outlined in the 2007 San Pedro Waterfront EIR.
- Create a seamless interface between the LA Waterfront and historic downtown San Pedro through signage, programming and infrastructure.
- Create additional signage leading into San Pedro and the LA Waterfront along major thoroughfares to direct visitors to their destination.
- Advocate for tidy, clean and safe roadways leading to and from San Pedro and the LA Waterfront.

Energy Reliability

Objective- The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce supports reliable sources of affordable and diverse energy supplies, including but not limited to renewable sources and conservation.

- Advocate for regulatory reform that fully considers the environmental impacts but are not misused against projects as political strategies.
- Support reliable energy policy that is economically and environmentally responsible.

Transportation Infrastructure

Objective- Work to ensure that the State of California and the City of Los Angeles provides a transportation and infrastructure network that keeps our ports, area businesses and community thriving.

- Advocate on behalf of modernizing the regions goods movement network
- Support funding of transportation infrastructure projects which increase mobility on the region's roadways, light rail and overall transportation system.
- Support the continuation of the Silver Line between San Pedro and downtown Los Angeles.

Arts and Tourism

Objective- The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce promotes a vibrant arts and tourism to increase economic activity.

- Advocate on behalf of funding for the arts ensuring San Pedro remains a robust and thriving arts community.

- Support the growth of San Pedro as a tourist destination by continually luring investment, attract local growth and grow good jobs for the future.

- Support the restoration of the Warner Grand Theater.
- Support the creation of a Certified Tourism Ambassador program.

Economic Development

Objective: Support high quality, sustainable development that will drive economic growth.

- The San Pedro Courthouse is a key redevelopment parcel in downtown San Pedro. The project that will assist in the revitalization of downtown.
- Support the redevelop of the Rancho San Pedro housing as a mixed income community with a commercial component along Harbor Blvd.
- Support AltaSea at the Port of Los Angeles. It promotes a job diversification in San Pedro.

Housing

Objective- Support a housing stock at a variety of income levels that can properly sustain the growing population

- Workforce Housing- Support a diversified housing stock that can allow for middle class workers to afford to live near their places of employment which incentivizes companies to locate to the Harbor Area.
- Transit Oriented Development- Promoted affordable and workforce housing near public transportation nodes to increase the number of users of METRO and create convenience for riders.
- Homeless and Veterans Housing- Advocate for homeless housing options for homeless individuals, families and veterans.
- Artist Housing: Support live work space for local artists to maintain our arts community in San Pedro.

2017 Policy Platform

Aerospace: The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce supports programs that capitalize on our region's innovative aerospace industry and attracting new and growing companies.

Ballot Initiatives: The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce supports fiscally sound ballot measures that address critical needs and have realistically considered the possible impacts on our economy.

Budgeting: The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce supports transparent budget decisions that are based on realistic projections with long-term goals in mind.

Education: The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce supports educational training, workforce development and skilled labor programs to assists San Pedro businesses to meet future workforce demands.

Energy: The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce supports reliable sources of affordable and diverse energy supplies, including but not limited to renewable sources and conservation.

Environmental Regulations: The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce supports regulatory reforms that fully consider environmental impacts but are not misused against projects as political strategies.

Goods Movement: The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce supports projects to improve the delivery of goods throughout our region to allow imports and exports to affordably flow through our region cost effectively and environmentally efficient.

Healthcare: The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce supports a sound and affordable healthcare system that addresses cost containment and excessive regulations that ultimately harm the delivery of health services.

International Trade: The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce supports trade and tourism initiatives to spur commerce and strengthen the region's leading position in the global economy.

Labor Costs: The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce supports striking a balance between employees' expectations to be treated fairly with employers' ability to stay in business.

Land Use: The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce supports a balanced approach to addressing workforce housing demands, creating new jobs, protecting industrial and commercial zones as well as preserving open space and our unique quality of life.

Los Angeles Air Force Base: The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce supports the LA Air Force Base and the Air Force housing in San Pedro.

Litigation: The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce supports reforms to California's litigious environment so employers and public agencies are protected against costly, frivolous lawsuits.

Pensions: The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce supports reducing the public's tax liability on unrealistic, unfunded pension plans and encourages long term remedies to ensure fiscal health.

Taxation: The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce supports reducing the high tax burden on businesses as well as a tax/fee structure that does not put San Pedro businesses at a competitive disadvantage.

Transportation: The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce supports innovative funding solutions to accommodate increased mobility on the region's roadways and overall transportation system.

Waste Management: The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce supports realistic and fair consistent water discharge requirements as well as policies on solid waste management so that the collection, transport, processing and disposal of solid waste is conducted with minimal impacts to our beaches and businesses.

Water: The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce supports a long-term comprehensive state water plan that is reliable and includes conservation, new supply, reclamation, storage and conveyance that is equitable for all Californians.

Workplace Standards: The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce supports efforts to make California's workplace standards more competitive with the rest of the nation.